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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

MARRIOTT et al.

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Serial No.: 09/646,111

Examiner: S. Tran

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is further to the Notice of Appeal in connection with the above-identified application. The Appeal Brief is due on March 12, 2003, with a one month extension of time filed herewith along with the required fee. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amendment are submitted along with the appropriate fee. The filing of the RCE avoids the necessity of preparing an Appeal Brief.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 13, 18 and 19 and add the following new claims to the application.

25(New). A crystallisation process for a drug substance or a carrier for drug particles, suitable for use in an inhaled pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- a) dissolving the substance to be crystallised in a medium wherein the viscosity of the medium can be adjusted;